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WHEN Keen and Quadra club'd their Wits
To ſhare the Spoil of British Cits,
Convention made, approv'd, and broke,
And new Schemes laid, to fleece the Flock;
Then London's Tribes, in Hustings met,
Conſult what's for their Country fit;
Bewail the Senate's corrupt State,
Where Place-men over-rule Debate,
Where Bribes and Penſions ſtill prevail,
And Publick Good's deem'd Nonſenſe ſtale:

This to their MEMBERS they expreſs,
Inſtructing to procure Redreſs.

EDINA's SONS no leſs lament
The Penſion'd Bands in P--------t.
Each Hall, and Corporation free,
T' addreſs the Council ſtraight agree;
Boldly ſet forth our Sinking State
Demands Relief e'er 'tis too late;
Deſire their Member be requir'd
To join 'gainſt thoſe whoſe Votes are hir'd.

THE Council Politicians gather,
And 'bout Inſtructions keep a Pother:
Themſelves Inſtructed from Above,
Give ſuch as I---Y does approve.
Thus they begin,
We can't pretend
To inſtruct our wiſe and learned Friend
In Points ſo intricate and dark,
Where MACHIAVEL might miſs the Mark.

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Whether

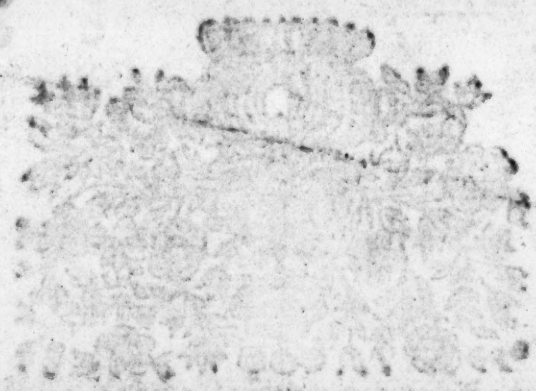
Whether our Conſtitution's crazy,
State-Pilots ignorant and lazy:
Whether 'tis beſt to ſink the Nation,
Or tumble S-r R-----r from his Station:
Whether to Freedom Place-Men's Votes
Leſs dangerous are than PATRIOT PLOTS:
Whether 'tis Time to mend theſe Flaws,
And guard our Liberties by Laws;
Or wait a more commodious Seaſon,
When humbled SPAIN ſhall come to Reaſon;
Such puzzling Points we can't decide;
But take L--d I----y for your Guide.

NEXT, Sir, We humbly recommend,
The Houſe you'd faithfully attend:
Avoid Chit-Chat; nor ſit too late
At Dinner, leſt the PATRIOTS cheat:
Guard, leſt ſoft Slumbers ſhut your Eyes,
And PLACE-BILL paſs before you riſe.
T' each PATRIOT's Speech give deep Attention;
But find no Reaſon 'gainſt a Penſion:

Obſerve

Obſerve S-r B---B's expreſſive Nods;
His Will be done, before your GOD's.
If PATRIOTS rail 'gainſt Bribes and Penſions,
Pernicious Treaties and Conventions,
Load your Diſcourſe with horrid Names,
Faction, Rebellion, Daggers, Flames,
Invaſions, Plots, and the Pretender,
'Gainſt W----E and our Faith's Defender.

BUT, above all, we ſtrictly charge
You'll vote the K--G Supplies at large:
The SPANISH War's a fair Pretence:
Two Millions for laſt Year's Expence:
Two Millions more to buy a Peace.
You'll ne'er want Means the Caſh to raiſe:
The Sinking Fund's a Golden Mine;
Exciſe Tobacco, Sugars, Wine;
And more new Taxes ſtill invent,
The Nation's Frenzy to prevent.
When Fever's high, 'tis fit Men bleed,
And Courtiers on their Gore will feed.

To ſerve S-r R----T never ſcruple,
He's generous, and will pay you double;
Or Patent-Place he will beſtow.
One Favour more, before you go,
Mind I---Y of his Friends in Town,
K---, C-----M, S---- and C-----N.

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